

ESCAPED CONVICT HOLDS UP NEGRO

Finding Thornton Had No Money, Convict Took His Hat and Departed.

LATER WAS VICTIM OF HAT

Chapeau Being Identified by Thornton, Results in Arrest of Bates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MANASSAS, VA., September 8.—Will Thornton, a negro, who is employed by a liverman here, drove a party of gentlemen to Wellington, a small station five miles from Manassas, last night. As he was returning about 3 o'clock this morning, and after he had reached Manassas, he was attacked by another negro and knocked out of the vehicle. The attacking party demanded Thornton's money, and upon learning that he had none took the latter's hat and made off.

About 3 o'clock this afternoon Thornton, learning that a strange dark-skinned man wearing a hat taken from him, was lurking about the coal bin, half-mile from town, armed himself with a shotgun and, in company with several other negroes, went in search of his assailant.

Thornton, upon seeing the man he was looking for, and recognizing the hat he wore as his, leveled the gun at his head and demanded that he surrender.

Instead of doing as he was commanded, the negro attempted to draw a pistol that he had tied about his waist, but before he could do so Ed Muse, one of the arresting party, plied him with his arms. A terrific scuffle ensued, and finally ended in the negro being disarmed.

At the point of a double-barreled shotgun and a Colt's revolver, Thornton and Muse then marched their prisoner to town and turned him over to the authorities.

After being locked up the negro gave his name as John Bates, and said that he had escaped from the convict camp at the Plains on yesterday. Taking the guard unawares he grabbed and secured his rifle and then his revolver, and called to the rest of the gang to escape with him. None of the other convicts, however, made an effort to get away.

According to the story told by Bates, he was sentenced to confinement in the Richmond City Jail by Judge John J. Crutcher for a term of four months for fighting. Bates is being held here until those in charge of the convicts at the Plains are heard from.

Robbers Are Arrested.
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 8.—Clarence Parker, John Washington and Mitchell Washington, all negroes, were arrested in Stafford county today and committed to jail as being members of a gang who have been committing robberies in Stafford county for several months. Two other suspects are at large, and officers are after them.

The stores of J. S. Berry, Stewart Bros., and H. Simpson have been burglarized and other robberies committed by the gang.

Assignment in Winchester.
WINCHESTER, VA., September 8.—The Winchester Tax Company, operated by O. R. Boyer, made a deed of assignment today to Herbert S. Larrick as trustee. The business, it is stated, had not been on a paying basis for some time. Liabilities are less than \$1,500.

Look at These Bargains

Second Floor.	White Goods.
Umbrellas, tape edge, boxwood handles, cut from \$1.50 to 79c	India Linen, 40 inches wide, 12 1/2c grade, cut to 7 3/4c
Cambrie Skirts, fine quality, wide embroidery ruffle, cut to 79c	Embroidered Batiste and Dotted Swiss, cut from 19c to 8 3/4c
\$1.50 Waists, a large assortment in white and colors, cut to 98c	Figured Madras, mercerized, 32 inches wide, 19c grade, cut to 12 1/2c

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Petersburg News

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
109 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., September 8.

The Petersburg Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy has decided to erect granite slabs on the battlefield of the Crater to permanently mark all the important military positions adjacent to that historic field and the strategic points of maneuver commanding the Crater. In this good work, it is understood, the chapter has invited the co-operation and assistance of the Sons of Veterans, which, of course, will be cheerfully given. At the meeting of the chapter yesterday afternoon a committee, consisting of Mrs. E. W. Grigg, Mrs. Pryor Jones, Mrs. William Nixon, Mrs. R. T. Meade and Miss Irbby Bolling, was appointed to place and superintend the erecting of these markers. A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans has already placed temporary markers to designate important points along the Confederate lines, to be succeeded later by permanent granite markers.

The State convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at Manassas October 14th to 16th, and Petersburg Chapter will be represented there as follows:

Delegates—Mrs. William F. Drewry, Mrs. R. T. Meade, Mrs. William L. McGill, Mrs. John Herbert Claiborne, Miss Annie Mann and Miss Ida Lowndes.

Alternates—Mrs. Joseph Lawrence, Mrs. Pryor Jones, Miss Hattie Elensworth, Mrs. James McCleary.

Increased School Facilities.
Increased public school facilities are being made in Petersburg and the three adjacent counties. The large new ten-room building at the corner of Wythe and Jefferson will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the session this month. It is designed for all white children living east of Sycamore Street, and to relieve the overcrowding in Anderson School. The opening of this new building will enable the authorities to turn the old East Ward building over to the use of the colored children.

Dinwiddie county expects soon to erect two or three high schools, to be located in convenient sections of the county. Templeton and River Districts, in Prince George, are building a high grade school nine miles from this city, and the school trustees of Matocca District, in Chesterfield, is about to contract for the building of a three-room school near Swift Creek.

City Sergeant John B. Evans expects to remove his prisoners—some thirty or forty in number—to the Blue Ridge cotton factory, on Canal Street, on Thursday. This factory has been

turned into a temporary prison house while the old jail is being remodeled and practically rebuilt. The city will spend nearly \$25,000 in renewing its jail, enlarging its quarters, strengthening its walls, and perfecting its sanitary arrangements. It will take several months to do this work, but when it is done the jail will be almost new. A number of the able-bodied men have recently been taken from the jail and put to work on the county roads.

Death of a Venerable Lady.

Mrs. Sarah A. Perkins, a venerable and much beloved lady, died about 1 o'clock this morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. C. L. Rogers, on St. Andrew Street. Her health had been feeble for some time, and she sank quietly to rest. Mrs. Perkins had been eighty-fifth anniversary of her birth.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. L. Rogers and Mrs. W. T. Birdsong, and one son, Mr. W. A. Perkins, all of this city. The funeral will take place at 12 o'clock to-morrow from the residence.

Mr. E. L. Quarles, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association of Petersburg, left for Staunton this morning to attend the session of the State association of retail merchants, to be held there to-morrow.

General News.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company is building a large frame addition to the old passenger station in the lower part of the city to temporarily accommodate the traveling public while the new station is being erected.

The Norfolk and Western Company has completed its dam across the channel cut through Cross Street. It rises high above the river level, and is a strong and substantial structure, and turns the water from the new channel.

The Atlantic Dredging Company is bringing another large dredge to this city. It will be put to work cleaning away the sand bars in the river, several of which were formed by the late flood.

Three dozen or more persons, mostly negroes, appeared in the Police Court this morning to answer the charge of keeping unlicensed dogs. Some of them were fined, some discharged and others were required to take out licenses at once.

The work of improvement of the Cox public road in Dinwiddie county from this city out to the county court house is progressing satisfactorily. Some heavy grading has been done, and the improvement has reached as far as Ritchie's store. The county will

probably appropriate a large amount in bonds to continue the good work on the public roads.

Workmen were engaged to-day in the removal of the debris of the Southern Express Company's building, which was completely wrecked by the recent flood.

No steps have been taken as yet to organize a Democratic campaign club in Petersburg. The city is certainly Democratic by a large majority, but something is lacking to arouse interest in potential campaign and to get rid of existing apathy. There was a time when the Democrats had an active club in every ward in the city.

Mr. J. Knox Panfill, who has been very sick at Virginia Beach, has returned home and is gladly welcomed by his many friends. It was rumored recently that he had been accidentally killed at the beach in a runaway accident. He was not the victim of an accident.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held this afternoon. Only routine business was transacted, nothing new being introduced. The Board concurred in the various acts passed by the Council.

NEGRO FIRST MAN TO CHAIR

Henry Smith, of Norfolk, Will Be Elected October 15th.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., September 8.—Henry Smith is to be elected October 15th next, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 2 P. M., for the dastardly crime committed by him against aged Mrs. Catherine Powell, of Frontis Place, August 13th last. This sentence is in accordance with the verdict of the jury in the Norfolk county Circuit Court, which heard the case against Smith to-day. The jury found Smith guilty of criminal assault and fixed his punishment at death. Immediately thereafter Judge Bain sentenced him to hang on the gallows to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, from the gallows in the request of Commonwealth's Attorney Marshall.

The case was given to the jury at 12:35 o'clock and at 12:50 o'clock it reached a decision. Before it was called from its room to report its verdict, Judge Bain warned the large crowd gathered outside the courtroom of approval or disapproval of the verdict. The sheriff was instructed to arrest any person who attempted to create a disturbance on the part of the court had the desired effect, for when the verdict was announced there was absolutely no excitement and no visible effect upon the prisoner. He maintained the unconcerned manner which has characterized him all through the trial.

When asked if he had anything to say why the court should not proceed to pass sentence on him, the negro replied: "I want to say that I am not guilty, but there is nothing I can do, so the verdict must remain as fixed."

Immediately after he was sentenced the negro took his seat, showing no evidence of being the least bit affected. He was turned over to the State jail to await the arrival of a guard from the penitentiary, where he will be electrocuted.

Smith will be the first man to be electrocuted in Virginia. The law abolishing hanging in the State was adopted at the last session of the legislature. The penalty for crimes committed will hereafter be electrocuted.

RURAL CARRIERS MEET

Convention May Last Until Thursday at Lynchburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 8.—The fifth annual convention of the Rural Mail Carriers' Association of Virginia convened to-day, the session being held at the Hotel Statler, in Lynchburg. About 190 carriers, representing nearly every county in the State, are in attendance. The deliberations are expected to last until Thursday.

The convention was welcomed by T. C. Flowers, of Campbell county carriers, and by Postmaster McLoughlin, on behalf of the city. Addresses were listened to from Congressman Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, and Postmaster Roy E. Cabell, of Richmond. Both paid high tributes to the rural carrier and pleaded for better roads. To-night the session was taken up with clerical work.

The committee appointed this afternoon are: Constitution—A. G. Jennings, Culpeper; C. S. Deacon, Rockbridge; R. J. Crutcher, Gloucester; Resolutions—M. M. Stoddard, Roxbury; J. M. Withers, Lexington; and N. B. Hutcheson, Rocky Mount. Auditing—S. M. McNutt, Richmond; F. H. Baker, Culpeper; F. Chapple, Disputanta. Insurance—C. R. Conner, Lexington; E. H. Gentry, Charlottesville; W. A. Saunders, Chambersburg.

The district organizers from all of the congressional districts save the First and Second made reports, showing good conditions prevailing in each.

KISER FOR POLICE CHIEF

Chief Boush and Squire Simmons, in Norfolk, May Get the Axe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., September 8.—Owing to the continued absence of Colonel Harry Hodges from the city, the meeting of the Board of Control for the election of a chief of police, chief of the fire department and health commissioner has again been postponed. Colonel Hodges is away owing to ill health, and writes that on the advice of physicians he will prolong his stay until September 15th. He is rapidly improving.

In the meantime gossip is busy as to the probable changes. It is said that he will be made an officer. The public is at sea and the controlling politicians are silent. The majority of opinions seem to indicate the election of Fire Chief Kegebel, Health Commissioner Dupuy and Chief of Police Charles Kiser. There is also a report to the effect that the present police magistrate, Bruce Simmons, will be deposed and W. B. Young elected to the position. The friends of Mr. Young express ignorance of this intention on the part of the majority.

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Baptist Body Holding Annual Session With Mr. Broad Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., September 8.—The Goshen Baptist Association met to-day with the Broad Church Baptist Church, in this county. Captain C. T. Smith, of Caroline county, was re-elected moderator, and Mr. A. G. Smith was chosen clerk. Several committees to report on church work were appointed, and the reports on additions to the churches, finance and other interests show decided advance over those of last year.

The association is composed of some 130 churches and about seventy-five ministers and lay members, representing about six counties in the State. There will be a three days' session.

MELANCHOLIA THE CAUSE.

Moroseness Over Condition of Health Caused Mayhew to Kill Himself.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., September 8.—Although no motive has been assigned for the death of J. W. Mayhew on the Southern Railway, it is a fact that to-day afternoon, there is no longer any doubt in the mind of some of the friends of the deceased but that he deliberately threw himself in front of the oncoming train in the hope of ending his life.

The only theory thus far advanced that would seem to account for the act of the ill health of the young man, or his belief that he was suffering with tuberculosis, has been that he had been suffering from that dread disease, and it was not the contributing cause to his untimely death, then it will never be known.

CHARGE PASTOR WITH VULGARITY

Raleigh Minister's Sermon on Seventh Commandment Causes Breach.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., September 8.—Rev. P. G. Elsom returned from Newbern to-day, but declines as yet to have anything to say as to the sensational differences that have arisen between himself and the board of deacons and many other members of Fayetteville street Baptist Church, of which he retains the pastorate under protest. The charges against him are "vulgarity and levity" in the pulpit, a sermon having precipitated a crisis in the differences between pastor and leaders in his flock.

Judge Thomas R. Purnell, of the United States Circuit and District Courts, Eastern District, is recovering at his home here from an attack of acute indigestion, which caused great alarm among his friends.

The Norfolk and Southern Railway Company resumed to-day the through double daily passenger train service between Raleigh and Fayetteville for the first time since the destructive floods of the past three weeks. All damage to tracks and bridges on this important line have been repaired.

New Charters.
Charters were issued to-day for four new corporations at Morganton, Roxboro, Hickory and Greensboro, and an amendment for the charter of the Atkinson Drug Company, Charlotte.

Changing the name to the Hamilton-Martin Drug Company, with Furman H. Martin president, the new corporations are: Morganton Realty and Insurance Company, Morganton, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by F. A. Tate, J. A. Dickson and A. R. Collett; the Roxboro Vehicle and Casket Company, capital \$25,000 by R. J. Teague, Ed Cheek and others; the Davis-Oliver Company, Greensboro, capital \$25,000, by R. W. Davis, C. W. Oliver and others, for a general foodstuff business, and the Elkhorn Lumbering Company, Hickory, capital \$15,000 subscribed by J. D. Elliott and others.

The will of the late Fabius H. Busbee has been probated in this county. The sum of \$5,000 is left to each of his four children and the remainder of his estate, about \$35,000 in property and \$18,000 in insurance, is left to Mrs. Busbee.

Following a session of the council of state to-day, Governor R. B. Glenn issued a proclamation to the people of the State, calling on them, as God has prospered and blessed them, to give liberally towards the help and support of those upon whom the burden of the disastrous floods fell so suddenly and severely the past few weeks. The proclamation mentions especially sections in Lenoir and Pender counties and along the Cape Fear River, as entirely laid waste, and recites that there is no power vested in the executive to relieve this suffering, but that he had directed the attention of the national government to the conditions and appeals to those in the flooded sections to prepare statements of conditions and needs.

Sentence Commuted.

After granting two reprieves, Governor Glenn finally commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Sam Glover, the negro whose execution at Wilmington had been set for September 17th, for the murder of Albert Jones, a fellow-workman. The commutation is on the ground that it is by no means certain the killing was not unprovoked. The trial judge recommends the commutation, as does the principal prosecuting attorney.

Glenn Speaks.
A belated Raleigh and Southport train prevented the arrival of United States Senator Lee S. Overman to fill his appointment to address the Bryan-Kitchin Democratic Club to-night, and Governor R. B. Glenn was pressed into service. He spoke for more than an hour, comparing particularly the Republican and Democratic State governments, alleging mismanagement of the grossest sort by the Republicans, especially in the Russell administration, and claiming industrial progress under the Democratic rule of the past eight years.

LIGHTNING IGNITES OIL.

Much Damage Done to Salisbury Electric Company's Plant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., September 8.—A large oil tank, located near the Salisbury city limits, exploded late last night, causing considerable damage. Ian Ragan, superintendent of the Sal-

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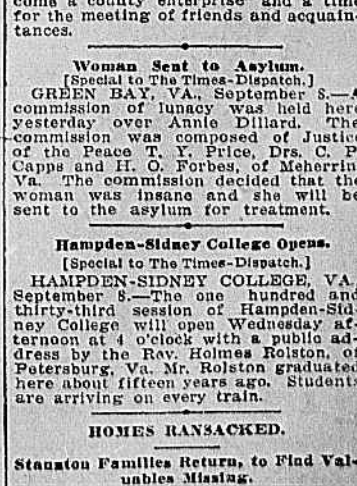
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